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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Yes, Sir. At present we have got electric calling bells in the special wards in the Government General Hospital. There is a proposal for providing such bells in the special wards in the Government Ophthalmic Hospital and Stanley Hospital. Proposals have been called for and they will be considered.

MR. SPEAKER : Question time is over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—STATEMENT UNDER RULE 40 *RE* REMOVAL OF SEVERAL MINOR IRRIGATION MAISTRIS FROM SERVICE CONSEQUENT ON INTRODUCTION OF *AD HOC* RULES RELATING TO THEIR SERVICES.

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri V. Balakrishnan has given notice of a motion under Rule 40 of the Assembly Rules, to call attention to a matter of urgent public importance viz., "Removal of several persons from service consequent on the giving of retrospective effect to the *Ad hoc* rules relating to minor Irrigation Maistris ".

* SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, before proceeding to that, I would like to inform the House that I have sent nearly 200 questions to the Hon. Speaker. Fortunately, lal of them have been admitted by him. I have made enquiries in the Departments and I am informed that they have sent replies to all the questions put by me. We are having only five or six questions per day now. I do not understand the technical or practical difficulties in putting all the questions on the agenda. I would request the Hon. Speaker to see that all questions to which answers have been received are brought before the House before the closure of this session.

MR. SPEAKER : It was said by the Hon. the Leader of the House yesterday that questions have been sent to the Departments and we are expecting the answers. As soon as answers are received, they will be placed before the House.

* SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, I am told by the Department concerned that they have already sent answers to the questions put by me. That is why I am making a request to you, Sir, to include all the questions for which answers have been received.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Yesterday the Hon. the Leader of the House said that it was difficult to get answers from the districts because of the delay involved in transit. Now I understand that the answers have been despatched and there is delay somewhere. May I seek clarification of it?

MR. SPEAKER : I think the hon. Member is not quite correct. He can verify from the office whether the answers to his questions have been received. I understand that all questions to which

answers have been received will be placed and so far as his questions are concerned, answers have not been received. Anyhow, the hon. Member is at liberty to find out from the registers whether answers have been received.

9-20 a.m. DR. K. B. MENON : I ask for information from the Hon. Speaker whether the time lost now will be supplemented when the questions actually come so that we may complete as many questions as possible.

MR. SPEAKER : There is no question of time being lost. The first hour of the sitting everyday will be made available for questions. It is not however necessary that we should spend the entire hour on questions and to-day, particularly, I am glad that we have finished questions soon so that many hon. Members who are anxious to speak on Irrigation could participate in the discussion and we could proceed to the next subject.

DR. K. B. MENON : I only meant the time lost for the questions—whether that will be made up and whether all questions will be covered.

MR. SPEAKER : All questions, when received, will be placed before the House.

* SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, this delay in the matter of replies to questions put, is causing confusion. We charge the Government and the Government charge us in return. May I suggest to the Speaker to circulate to all Members of the Assembly the number of pending questions sent to each Department, the dates on which they were sent and the number of questions still pending with them so that we may really know where we are and who is at fault?

MR. SPEAKER : The hon. Member may send a letter to me and I shall have it answered that.

* SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : I now come to my statement under Rule 40. I humbly invite the sympathetic attention of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue to the tragedy involved in the removal of persons who had been employed in the Minor Irrigation Department since 1946 and even before 1946. The Government Order No. 3175, dated 13th October 1955, stipulates that all those who had passed IV Form alone should be retained in office and those who had not passed IV Form and below must be immediately removed from office. The effect of this order is those who had been in service for a long time and who had acquired the necessary technical skill for ten years or so and people who are really essential to the working of particular sections of the Department are being sent away. The Department are losing the working knowledge and the experience gained by these people in addition to the fact that these people who had been hoping to find

employment and permanent security of tenure in these offices are being sent away and their families and children are open to starvation and the consequences of unemployment.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, in G.O. No. 3175, Revenue, dated 13th October 1955, *ad hoc* rules in respect of certain posts such as minor irrigation maistris, etc., were framed. In the second paragraph of the preamble and the notification in which the above rules were published, it has been clearly stated that the "rules should be deemed to have come into force with effect on and from the date of publication of the notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*". The notification was published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd November 1955. These rules therefore came into force only with effect from 2nd November 1955. The hon. Member seems to be under the impression that the said rules have been given retrospective effect. As the rules came into force only with effect from 2nd November 1955, the date of publication of the notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, the question of removal from service of persons who were employed before the rules came into force does not arise. It may also be observed that the *ad hoc* rules do not contemplate the removal of any person who had been in service prior to the date on which the said rules came into force. The rules are applicable only to those persons appointed after the date of publication of the rules.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே ரெவினியூ மந்திரி அவர்கள் பேசும்போது, அந்த விதிகள் என்று கெஜெட்டில் வெளிவந்ததோ அந்தத் தேதியிலிருந்து அமுல் செலுத்தப் படும் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால், ஜில்லாக்களிலுள்ள கலெக்டர்கள் அந்த ஜி. ஓ.-வை சரியாகப் புரிந்துகொள்ளாமலோ புரிந்துகொண்டோ பல ஆண்டுகள் ஸர்விசில் உள்ளவர்களேயும் நீக்கியிருக்கிறார்கள். சர்விஸில் ரெகுலரைஸ் பண்ணிய பிறகும் சம்பளத்தைப் பிடித்திருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையால், உடனடியாக அரசாங்கத்திலிருந்து ஜில்லா மாவட்ட தலைமை அதிகாரிகளுக்கு, அதாவது கலெக்டர்களுக்கு உத்தரவு அனுப்பி, எந்தத் தேதியில் உத்தரவு அமுலுக்கு வந்தது என்பதைத் தெரிவிக்குமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்கின்றேன். 9–24 a.m.

MR. SPEAKER : There cannot be any discussion on motions under rule 40 and I wish hon. Members should follow the rules that we have prescribed for ourselves. Now, we will resume discussion on Demands VIII and XXXVI. I have prescribed a time-limit of five minutes for each hon. Member.

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1956–57—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND VIII—IRRIGATION—*cont.*

(2) DEMAND XXXVI—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON IRRIGATION—*cont.*

SRI C. KANDASAMY : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நீர்ப் பாசன மான்யத்தின்மீது இருக்கக்கூடிய வெட்டுப் பிரேரணையை ஆதரித்து பேசுகிறேன். கனம் அங்கத்தினர் திரு. வெங்கடேச சோளகர் அவர்கள் 9-25 a.m.